AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.　(Original) Method for signaling an instruction (2) to modify the coding of a user data connection section termination of a media gateway (MGW) from a media gateway controller (MGC) to the media gateway (MGW), with an instruction (2) also being signaled from the media gateway controller (MGC) to the media gateway (MGW) that verification of the connectability of terminations (Termination A, Termination B) should only be implemented after receipt of a plurality of instructions (2; 5) to modify the coding of at least one termination (Termination A, Termination B) respectively.

2.　(Currently amended) Method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the media gateway (MGW) no longer transmits user data from and two a relevant termination once it has received a modification instruction for this termination, until the specified verification of the connectability of terminations has taken place.

3.　(Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the media gateway (MGW) receives an instruction (in 2) from the media gateway controller (MGC) to hold the verification of the connectability of terminations (Termination A, Termination B) until the media gateway (MGW) receives at least one instruction (in 5) from the media gateway controller (MGC) to modify the coding of another connected termination (Termination A).

4.　(Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the media gateway (MGW) only starts the verification when it has received instructions (2 and 5) for all the connected terminations to modify said terminations.

5.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the media gateway (MGW) only starts the verification when it receives an instruction (in 5) to start the verification of the connectability of terminations.

6.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the instruction (in 2) to hold the verification of the connectability of terminations is signaled to the media gateway (MGW) in a message (2; 3), in which the media gateway (MGW) is informed that it should modify the coding for at least one (Termination A, Termination B) termination at the media gateway (MGW).

7.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the MGW does not isolate the relevant termination immediately after receipt of the modification instruction from the MGC but waits until switching of the coding is prompted via a subsequent separate signaling with the (MGW) switching node at the other end of the user connection section.

8.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the MGW does not restore the connections immediately after the verification specified in 1 but waits until switching of the coding at said terminations has also been prompted via separate signaling with the (MGW) switching node at the other ends of the user connection sections to be reconnected.

9.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the MGW reconnects the originally connected terminations (Termination A, Termination B) in their old coding, if the MGW determines during the verification specified in 1 that it cannot connect the terminations to each other in their new coding.

10.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the MGW transmits an error message to the MGC in response to the

instruction to modify the last termination and the MGC then uses mechanisms existing in BICC, Q.1902.4, to reject the modification of the user connections.

11.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein an extension of existing instructions to modify a termination is used as the voice element for an instruction (2; 5) as specified in Claim 1 to hold the verification.

12.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~Claim~~claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the voice element is a characteristic of the so-called H.248 context.

13.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~Claim~~claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the voice element is a characteristic of the so-called H.248 termination.

14.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the MGC isolates a termination by means of a specific instruction, before the MGC modifies the coding at said termination and after the MGC has also modified the coding at one or a plurality of other originally connected terminations, the MGC reconnects the isolated termination by means of a further specific instruction.

15.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the MGC isolates a termination by moving it to another so-called H.248 context.

16.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the MGC uses the so-called Q.1950 instructions "Isolate" and "Join".

17.   (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a termination is a termination of a user data connection section of the

telecommunication network, which ends at the media gateway.

18.   (Currently amended) Device for implementing the method according to ~~one of the preceding Claims~~claim 10.